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SUBJ: ALBERTA GAS EXPORT DEVELOPMENTS

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1. KEY PAN ALBERTA EXECUTIVE TOLD CONGEN THAT MOVES ARE UNDERWAY TO EXPAND THE VOLUME OF GAS EXPORTS TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH THE PREBUILDING OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ALASKAN HIGHWAY GAS PIPELINE PROJECT. TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPE LINE CORP REPORTEDLY WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN BORDER GAS PIPELINE IN RETURN FOR GAS DELIVERIES OF 200 MMCF/D OVER SIX YEAR PERIOD. PAN ALBERTA OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT ALBERTA GAS WOULD BE AVAILABLE IN QUANTITIES SUFFICIENT TO COVER THIS ADDITIONAL EXPORT COMMITMENT. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT PACIFIC LIGHTING WILL OBJECT TO THIS SALE UNLESS IT CAN BE GUARANTEED AN ADDITIONAL 70 MMCF/D OR ROUGHLY 30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF GAS TO BE EXPORTED UNDER PREDELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS. (THIS LATTER DEMAND WOULD APPARENTLY BE DIFFICULT TO FULFILL AS IT WOULD REQUIRE A SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN GAS TRANSMISSION FACILITIES). ACCORDING TO OUR PAN ALBERTA SOURCE, THE ALGONQUIN GAS
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TRANSMISSION COMPANY IS ALSO DICKERING FOR GAS EXPORTS OF 60-80 MMCF/D.

2. COMMENT: TRANSCO PURCHASE WOULD INCREASE PAN ALBERTA'S SHORT TERM GAS EXPORT PROPOSALS TO OVER 1.2 BCF/D. WHILE WE SUSPECT THAT PAN ALBERTA WOULD HAVE NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN CONTRACTING FOR THIS VOLUME OF NATURAL GAS, WE THINK

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THERE WOULD BE RESERVATIONS IN ERCB AND PERHAPS IN EDMONTON
AS WELL ABOUT TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPORTS OF THIS MAGNITUDE.
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